

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<b>DATE:</b>  07-21-03	<b>SUBJECT: FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #2003-O-167</b> Closing to vehicular traffic those sections of:  A. The south one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue between Baltimore Street and the north access road of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge;  B. The north one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue between Madison Street and the south access road of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge; and,  C. The north and south access roads of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge between Main and Sta. Rita Avenues including its intersection with Sta. Cleotilde Avenue  situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, and providing for an effective date.	
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> CYNTHIA COLLAZO Asst. City Manager		<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> ANGELO FERRAZZANO Real Estate Manager
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> On July 7, 2003, this Ordinance was introduced by the City Council.		
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> The City of Laredo has determined a public need to close to vehicular traffic the above mentioned streets and incorporate them into the adjoining City properties being the north one-half of Blocks 908 & 909 and the south one-half of Blocks 882 & 883 for a City park. Said streets are more generally described on the attached Exhibit.  Traffic will not be adversely affected by the proposed closures since these streets have a minimum amount of traffic. The south one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue and the north one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue has minimum traffic because they do not cross beyond the access roads underneath the Lafayette Bridge being that they are barricaded with a metal rail.  Should the closures be approved the City is proposing improvements which will help eliminate the identity of these streets as public right-of-ways. Upon the closure of the above mentioned streets, the City will construct a 50' radius cul-de-sac at the end of the open street sections of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue to facilitate the turn around of vehicular traffic approaching the area.  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>continued on the next page...</b></p>		
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> None		
<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> N/A		<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Recommends passage of this Ordinance.

## **BACKGROUND continued**

The proposed closure of the north and south access roads of Lafayette Street between Main and Sta. Rita Avenues including its intersection with Sta. Cleotilde Avenue also has a minimum amount of traffic. Both of these access roads eventually dead end 2 blocks west at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks located on Eagle Pass Avenue.

The City plans to extend high-back curb and gutters, build 4' sidewalks and build a decorative fence on the east and west sides of the access roads and into the City's adjoining properties to the north and south. At this time the City of Laredo has conceptual plans to convert this area including the proposed street closures into a water park. Attached you will find a preliminary improvement plan showing how the City plans to physically close these streets. Said plan will help to change the identity of these streets as public right-of-ways.

Should the City Council approve the proposed closures, the City will retain all existing easements located on said streets.

On June 19, 2003, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Property owners within a 200' radius were notified of the proposed street closings and no objections were noted. The Planning & Zoning Commission voted against the proposed closings.

On July 2, 2003, a memorandum was provided to the Street Closing Committee members with the above information.

**ORDINANCE #2003-O-167**

CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THOSE SECTIONS OF:

- A. THE SOUTH ONE HALF SECTION OF STA. CLEOTILDE AVENUE BETWEEN BALTIMORE STREET AND THE NORTH ACCESS ROAD OF THE LAFAYETTE OVERPASS BRIDGE;
- B. THE NORTH ONE HALF SECTION OF STA. CLEOTILDE AVENUE BETWEEN MADISON STREET AND THE SOUTH ACCESS ROAD OF THE LAFAYETTE OVERPASS BRIDGE; AND
- C. THE NORTH AND SOUTH ACCESS ROADS OF THE LAFAYETTE OVERPASS BRIDGE BETWEEN MAIN AND STA. RITA AVENUES INCLUDING ITS INTERSECTION WITH STA. CLEOTILDE AVENUE.

SITUATED IN THE WESTERN DIVISION, CITY OF LAREDO, COUNTY OF WEBB, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the City Council close the above mentioned street section to vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, traffic flow will not be adversely affected by such closings; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is the sole abutting property owner of the above mentioned streets; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo has determined a public need to close said streets to vehicular traffic and incorporate them with the abutting City properties for a City park; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to close said street sections to vehicular traffic and use them for the above mentioned public need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO:

1. That those sections of:

- A. The south one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue between Baltimore Street and the north access road of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge;
- B. The north one half section of Sta. Cleotilde Avenue between Madison Street and the south access road of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge; and

- C. The north and south access roads of the Lafayette Overpass Bridge between Main and Sta. Rita Avenues including its intersection with Sta. Cleotilde Avenue.

situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb; Texas; be and the same are hereby closed to vehicular traffic

2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage thereof.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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ELIZABETH G. FLORES  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Jaime L. Flores  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANTHONY McGETTRICK  
Asst. City Attorney